endeavour, a number of Committees/Commissions etc., in different sectors of education, are constituted from time to time. The Committees constituted during the last decade (1990—99) include — Learning without Burden — Yash Pal Committee; Committee on Training of University & College Administrators; Teachers Representation in Legislative Councils; Committee to review the management of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee on Sports & Physical Education; CABE Committee on Distance Education; Task Force for remodeling Boards of School Education for bringing about qualitative improvement in Secondary Education; National Elementary Education Mission; Committee of State Education Ministers on implications of the proposal to make elementary education a fundamental right; National Committee of State Education Ministers to develop the structure and outlines of implementing Universal Elementary Education in a Mission Mode; etc. Recommendations of these Committees etc. are generally implemented within the broad framework of the National Policy on Education, 1986 and Programme of Action, 1992. Further, as per the provisions of the National Policy on Education 1986, implementation of the various parameters of the new policy must be reviewed every five years and appraisals at short intervals will also be made to ascertain the progress of implementation and the trends emerging from time to time.

Concern over report of task force on HRD on IT

†4639. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain concerns have been expressed in the interim report of task force constituted with regard to Human Resource Development in Information Technology;

(b) whether it is also a fact that apprehensions with regard to

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increase in unemployment as well emergence of other serious problems has been expressed in the report;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government have taken so far to remove the above apprehensions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the present demand projections, the availability of manpower would be adequate both for the hard core IT software sector and IT enabled services. However, it has been reported that in the case of graduating students low acceptance rate in the industry at present results in underemployment.

(d) Efforts are being made to ensure that the various recommendations made in the interim report of the Task Force on HRD in IT are implemented at the earliest.

UNICEF Report on Child Welfare in India

4640. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per UNICEF report, nothing was being done for child welfare in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that UNICEF has highlighted the absence of a proper child welfare department in India; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The Department of Women and Child Development is not aware of the report which is referred to in the Question.

(b) UNICEF has informed that it is not aware of a comment